

St. John's Lutheran Church • 155 North St., JC, NJ 07307

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Worship: Sundays 8:30AM and 11:00AM



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February 2015

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Already we are looking back at Christmas and the Epiphany season. Our scripture asks Epiphany comes to a close if God's people have known and if they have heard what God has said and what God has been showing them (Isaiah 40:21). Certainly, we have seen and heard about what God has done for us and it drives us to a contemplation as we enter our Lenten season of reflection.

Here at St. John's we have much to contemplate - having installed a new Pastor in January. We are very thoughtful and hopeful about where God is leading and what God is doing with us.

Our God is an awesome God who claims us, gathers us and sends us in every age, even now. In that spirit you are invited to join our Adult Forums during Lent. These forums will be held on Sundays and raise questions about our identity and our mission as the church in a rapidly changing world. Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, the presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), has offered a resource, entitled "Called, Gathered, and Sent," for us to use as we think on these things.

We hope you will join us for these discussions after service during Lent. We know from past experience that when we gather as the body of Christ and listen to one another, God is able to speak profoundly to us and through us, and make Christ known.

Further, we hope you will refer to our schedule of special services for these next weeks and join us at St. John's for some of these, during Lent and the Holy Week. Pray with us, learn with us and celebrate the Easter season with us.

Prayerfully,
Pastor Mona Fitch-Elliott

PS: Pastor Mona has office hours on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays. Please feel free to call for an appointment. (201)895-1498

LENTEN ADULT FORUMS

After church services on
Sundays



Grab a cup of coffee and a snack and please join us.
Property Committee

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The Property Committee will be met on Feb. 12th to discuss upcoming events including clean-up days. Plan for parsonage. We were also updated on the roof and skylights. We will update be sharing these updates with you in the coming weeks.

Church Council

I would like to say thank you to those who voted me onto the Church Council. I served two terms some years ago and am very happy to serve again. I would also like to say I am very pleased and honored to have been elected to serve as the President of the Council, and with the help of God I will faithfully serve the people of St. John's.

Yours in Christ, Rose Davis

Women's Group



Thanks to all who supported our soup and sandwich Sunday. We collected \$276.00 for PERC, which is a homeless shelter. This money will

be put to good use. We will meet on the 2nd & 4th Sunday to start preparing for our Tricky Tray event. Mark your calendar the Tricky Tray will be held on May 8th. Doors open at 6:00PM. We hope to see you there.

Dance for Hunger



Fundraiser for St. John's

FOOD PANTRY

March 28, 2015

Time 6:00 PM 9:00 PM

Tickets \$25.00

\$35.00 at the door

(Senior discount \$20.00

Under age 18 - \$17.00

Under age 12 - \$12.50)



Spring Talent Show

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Men's Club

The membership of the men's club will be assisting with the Pancake Supper held on Shrove Tuesday, February 17th, at 6:00pm in the Parish Hall. The next regular meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall. All men from our congregation are invited to join us for an evening of good fellowship.

Stewardship



A LENTEN STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

The forty days of Lent provide stewards with a great opportunity to evaluate the nature of

our life's work being reminded to take a meaningful and substantive spiritual "Pause" in our lives for forty days is a gift in itself. Sometimes, we have good intentions to improve our spiritual lives, but we have a tendency to put it off. The season of Lent Begins by reminding us of the brevity of our lives, and then presents us with the immediacy of forty days to focus more Intensely on our life in Christ. This is the first step toward embracing Christian stewardship as a way of life.

Forty days provide structure to help us open our hearts to conversion as we examine just what our "work" in this world should genuinely be about. Just as Jesus must have done in the desert for forty days, we have the opportunity to examine our lives and vocation, as well as our strengths, weaknesses and temptations.

For Christian stewards, bringing Christ's loving presence into our work and our workplace is necessary in order to live in the world as disciples of the Lord. It is key to living the Christian life in our world today. During this season of Lent let us take this opportunity to examine how well we're doing and to make an even greater commitment to exercising good stewardship of all the Lord has entrusted to us.

Sandra Weaver,
Stewardship Chair

YOUTH Ministry

- **Youth Night** happens on Wednesdays at St. John at 6:30 for youth ages 12 and up.
- **"#INSIDE SCOOP** – St. John's Youth Newsletter" is coming soon.
- Plans for the **2015 ELCA Youth Gathering** are well underway. A delegation of three youth will be attending. We are collaborating with several other churches in New Jersey as far as cost and travel arrangements. Our New Jersey delegation is bringing a *Peace Puppet Project* focused on conflict resolution to gathering which will be held from July 12th – 20th.
- We are excited to bring back St. John's / Crossroads Day Camp this summer from July 19th – 24th.
- We would appreciate any donations and/or support of our youth ministries.

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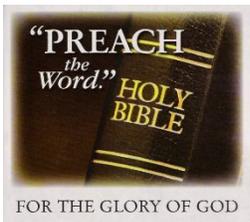
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Social Ministry Services
Silver Foxes Clippers &



Curls

This service provides free hair care to our male and female seniors. We have a licensed hairdresser who will cut, wash, color, blow-dry and curl hair.



Sharing
the
Message

Sunday services and Special Services are now videotaped and made available to all. You can find our services on YouTube: **St. John's Services 2015.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL happens every Sunday at 9:30.

ALL ARE WELCOME.

PANCAKE SUPPER

Feb 17 7PM

Oh Happy Day!

On January 17th Pastor Mona Fitch-Elliott was installed at St. John's and it was a joyous celebration presided over by Bishop Tracie Bartholomew and well attended by a host of members, family and friends.



***COME JOIN US
Special Services***

Ash Wednesday

Feb.18 11AM, 7PM

Palm Sunday

With Procession

Mar. 29, 8:30AM /11AM

Seder

April 1, Wednesday 7PM

Maundy Thursday

April 2, Footwashing 7PM

Good Friday

April 3, 2PM, 7 Last Words

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Resurrection of Our Lord

April 5, 8:30 AM/11AM